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PART I: CALPEEK'S EARLY LINEUP FOR 1994.

Editor's note: Over the next few weeks CALPEEK will preview the 1994 June primary for both major political parties. We'll begin at the top of the ticket...

...Calif. Gov. Pete Wilson(R) has not formally declared for a second term, but there is little doubt he'll run for reelection. The only question is whether he'll face a *serious* challenger in the June primary. Wilson's top political consultant, George Gorton, is already gearing up for 1994.

...A few potential challengers have surfaced, such as ex-Assemblyman Tom McClintock and hardline conservative activist Bay Buchanan, but most sources tend to think these two will either stay out of the governor's race or will run for another office, if they run at all...

...**However**, there is a new name being mentioned with more frequency: L.A. Co. Sup. Mike Antonovich. He is well liked in GOP circles and as a former CRP chair, has numerous statewide contacts. He's a good fundraiser and as of late he has been making the rounds and stepping up his public appearances. He would be a very serious threat if he were to challenge Wilson...

...On the Demo side, it's really a two-person race at this point, because numerous sources insist that Assembly Speaker Willie Brown is **not** going to run, despite the fact that Alice Huffman continues to send out letters on "The WLBJ Club - Draft Willie" stationery asking potential contributors to send checks for at least \$1,000...

...As for the other Brown, State Treasurer Kathleen continues forward, carefully watching developments and building a sizable war chest in anticipation that she will have to face Demo Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi in the June primary. Brown's campaign team is already assembled --- a holdover from 1990.

It includes media consultant Jim Margolis, pollster Celinda Lake and Bev Thomas, now on state payroll. This is Brown's inner circle. Soon to come aboard as day-to-day manager will be Teresa Vilmain from Emily's List in DC, this according to CALPEEK sources. It's a veteran team that has been tested...

...For Garamendi the job of taking on Kathleen Brown will not be easy, but he too has begun to assemble a group of well known consultants. On his staff is the very savvy Darry Sragow and two of the better media relations pros --- Bill Schulz and Elena Stern. One of these will undoubtedly be on the campaign, along with Sragow. Also on the team is consultant Val Marmillion and the polling firm of Evans/McDonough. In terms of a media consultant, some of the best have been knocking at Garamendi's door --- Doak & Shrum, Bob Squier, Mindy Grunwald and Ray Strother. It will be interesting to see what the final team looks like. No other Demo names have surfaced. More next week when CALPEEK takes a brief look at the U.S. Senate race and the battles for the other constitutional offices. Stay tuned...

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Political 'Hard Copy'** - While CALPEEK was on vacation, the L.A. Times finally got around to running that major story on U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan, written by Orange Co. political reporter Dave Leshner. According to the story, the numerous(4) divorce actions by Sally Dornan between 1960 and 1976 were the result of her alcohol and Valium abuse, depression and loneliness. And Sally Dornan frankly admits that all of her allegations of abuse by her husband were totally false. The

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June 24th article is titled, "I Take Full Blame." Even some of Dornan's political opponents say this is a **positive** story for the Dornan family, even though it's very revealing. The story also puts most, if not all, of these allegations of spouse abuse to rest...

- **Indecent Proposal** - Although insiders are unsure about the legal issues involved, L.A. Co. Supes filed a lawsuit July 7 against the State to block the shifting of \$2.6 billion in property taxes from local governments to schools. If the lawsuit were to succeed, and some insiders have their doubts, it would send the **Super Mario Brothers** (Pete, Willie, David, Jim and Ken) back to a smoke-filled room to work out another budget. In other words, **Sleepless In Sacramento...**

- **The Wright Stuff** - When word got out that CA Trade & Commerce Sec. Julie Wright would be appearing at a recent reception for Orange Co. Sup. Harriett Wieder, **hardline conservatives** from Orange Co. put the squeeze on Gov. Wilson's office to force Wright to cancel her appearance. Why? Hardliners figured it was payback time because Wieder was one of those O.C. Republicans who supported Pres. Bill Clinton last year. Sources tell CALPEEK that Wilson operatives told Wright she had 2 choices: attend the reception and get fired, or cancel her appearance. She cancelled. Sources say Wright's cancellation didn't hurt the reception one bit, but Wilson's actions may have damaged his relations with moderate GOPers from Orange Co....

- **Matt Noah Moves to Calif.** - To the average political insider, the name Matt Noah probably doesn't mean too much. But to insiders on both sides of the **abortion/choice** battle, Noah is well known. Last year he ran for the U.S. Senate in Colorado as a *PRO-Life* independent candidate. And yes, he was guy who ran that TV ad featuring what was supposed to have been an aborted fetus. According to the Denver Post, he's either moving or has moved to Simi Valley, where he may run for public office, according to sources...

ANTONOVICH TO ADDRESS LINCOLN CLUB JULY 16. L.A. Co. Sup. Mike Antonovich will address members of the San Gabriel Valley chapter of the Lincoln Club at 7:30 a.m., July 16, Industry Hills Sheraton. For info and RSVPs, call Natalie Blanning at (818)919-7497...

TIRSO UNDER FIRE FROM UNKNOWN REPUBLICANS.

While CA Republican Party Chair Tirso Del Junco has been trying to make life miserable for his Demo Party counterpart, Bill Press, it seems a group of rebellious GOPers is **not at all** satisfied with the job that Tirso has done for the party in his first 100 days...

...This group of *unknown* Republicans managed to get the entire mailing list of the CRP central committee and a letter was recently distributed with the headline, "Top 10 Reasons Why Tirso Del Junco Should Resign or Face a Recall." Needless to say, Tirso and CRP exec. director Bob Carpenter are NOT happy campers. In fact, one source told CALPEEK that Tirso was "plenty pissed."...

...So why is Tirso under attack? According to the unsigned letter, reasons range from a broke and bankrupt CRP, to lack of support for the school voucher initiative, to the CRP's suit against the Demos (for endorsing Woo), and even Tirso's fight with and the eventual resignation of CRP finance director Sam Bamieh...

...Is the letter all that nasty? Yes. "Why can't Tirso understand that he is our own Bill Clinton. No one likes or respects or really wanted him in the first place. It's not too late to make a change and do it right." That's nasty, no matter how you look at it...

...So who is behind this letter? Trust us, it's not CDP Political Director Bob Mulholland. And Matt Cunningham, who along with Jim Graves, write the hardline conservative newsletter Illuminare, say it's not them. That leaves lots of others who aren't especially thrilled with Tirso's leadership, but clues are few. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's LEGAL FILE: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are some *legal notes* which you may find interesting...

- **CRP vs. CDP Over Endorsements** - The legal battle between the CA Republican Party and the CA Demo Party over the right to endorse in nonpartisan elections will be coming to head in about 2-3 weeks, perhaps sooner. The 3rd District Court of Appeals in Sacto has ordered both sides to prepare briefs. Sources say there could be as many as 3 different decisions: the appeals court could side with the trial court and uphold

the current ban; the appeals court could listen to the merits of the case; or the appeals court could order the trial court to listen to the merits of the case. Currently, the CA Constitution bans political parties from making endorsements in nonpartisan elections. The CRP won a permanent injunction against the Demos after the CDP had officially endorsed Mike Woo in the recent L.A. Mayor's race...

...FYI: CALPEEK sources also believe the CRP will seek a **contempt citation** against the CDP and CDP Political Director Bob Mulholland for reportedly disobeying the court-ordered injunction against becoming involved in the mayor's race. It was reported in the L.A. Times that Mulholland was spotted snooping around the campaign offices of Richard Riordan. Does such an act violate the court's order???

- **Court Voids Initiative Law** - Sacto Co. Sup. Ct. Judge James Ford has sided with the CA Planning & Conservation League in their suit against a new law which restricts the way initiative committees can raise money. The law, authored by State Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-S.F.), banned committees from accepting contributions from companies, groups, etc., in exchange for including specific projects or language in an initiative measure. Will there be an appeal???

- **Candidates Should Pay Their Bills** - Texas political consultant Karl Rove has won a major lawsuit that will impact campaign consultants all across the U.S. Federal Judge Sam Sparks has ruled that former GOP U.S. Senate candidate Dick Thornburgh and his committee are responsible for paying off a debt of some \$175,000 to Rove. The judgment also includes \$50,000 in interest on the principal and \$75,000 in attorneys fees. Stay tuned...

4th S.D. SPECIAL UPDATE: VOTING BY MAIL.

Editor's note: Filing for this Aug. 31st special election closes on July 19th. Here is a brief update...

...Former Assemblywoman Bev Hansen(R) and Shasta Co. Sup. Maurice Johannessen(R) continue to slug it out, even though the filing deadline is still a week away. Johannessen's campaign claims to have received about 20,000 absentee voter applications off one mailing. Sources say Hansen hasn't done a vote by mail appeal to voters, but instead has "raided" the Johannessen

applications that are on public file. Perfectly legal...

...As for the Demos, there are a few more names that have surfaced in this battle to replace Mike Thompson. Already in are Dennis Chuning and Bill Brashears. Looking things over are Santa Rosa attorney Rick Meechan and CDP Rural Caucus Chair Montana Podva. Stay tuned...

5th A.D. SPECIAL UPDATE: ALBY IS FRONTRUNNER.

Editor's note: Here is a brief update on the July 27th special election to replace the late B.T. Collins...

...Almost all CALPEEK sources say the same thing about this special election: hardline conservative activist Barbara Alby is a slam dunk to win this seat. Alby's Demo opponent, Joan Berry, is running her own campaign and there is little involvement from either the Assembly Demos or from the CA Demo Party. In fact, sources say the CDP is tapped out in terms of money. So unless something major and dramatic were to happen, Alby will be elected July 27th. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: DO AWAY WITH PAROLE??

Editor's note: The CA Sec. of State has given another committee the green light to begin collecting signatures for a June 1994 ballot measure. Here's a brief update, plus some info about measures which will appear on the Nov. 2nd special election ballot...

- **"Repeal of Parole & Probation Laws"** seeks to eliminate the parole and adult formal probation system now in use and requires that all savings be used to build new prisons and minimum security jails. The measure also bans sentence reductions and early release of felony prisoners. The sponsors are E. Andrew Schooler of La Jolla (619)454-3305 and Dr. John S. Kitchin, M.D., of San Diego (619)298-6090. They have until Nov. 18 to collect 384,974 signatures in order to qualify for the June ballot...

- Odds are fairly good that ACA 6 will be on the Nov. 2nd ballot. The bill's author, Assemblyman Jack O'Connell(D-Santa Barbara), has been trying to move this constitutional amendment from November to the June 1994 ballot. He needs a 2/3rds vote because AB 1708 (the bill which would move ACA 6 to June) has an urgency clause. CALPEEK sources are 99% sure O'Connell doesn't have the votes in either the State

Senate or Assembly for passage. FYI: the Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger has been named to run the YES side of the ACA 6 campaign. If approved in November, future school construction funding ballot measures would need a majority vote to win passage. Under current law, such measures now require a 2/3rds vote...

- As far as CALPEEK can tell, there is *no formal committee* in place as yet to fight for passage of the new 1/2 cent sales tax --- to be on the Nov. 2nd ballot, with the taxes earmarked for **public safety**. Sources say that the law enforcement community is just now recovering from the budget battle, and thus hasn't had time to think about forming a committee to fund the YES side of the ballot measure. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S 1993 ELECTION CALENDAR

Editor's note: Here's a short election calendar to help you keep track of all the specials, runoffs and other elections...

- **July 27** - 5th A.D. special runoff election...
- **Aug. 3** - Monterey Co. supes runoff election...
- **Aug. 10** - Bellflower card club special election...
- **Aug. 31** - 4th S.D. & 27th A.D. special election...
- **Sept. 21** - San Diego Council elections...
- **Nov. 2** - Statewide Special Election: School Voucher initiative; 5 legislative referendums; San Francisco City Attorney & Treasurer election; San Diego council runoffs; 4th S.D. & 27th A.D. special runoff elections...

SOME INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CALPEEK.

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CALPEEK'S CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY

We're off the ground with the 1993-94 edition of CALPEEK's Directory of Campaign Consultants. Questionnaires have been mailed to consultants and all subscribers will be getting advertising info about the IV edition of this Directory in the very near future...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Orange Co.-based Mollrich Communications has moved to a new location: 4041 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 190, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Same phone...
- Some sad news. Veteran journalist, sometime PR spokesman and political operative Jerry Goldberg died July 5 of a heart attack while returning to L.A. from S.F. He worked for the old Citizen News, numerous weekly papers and the L.A. Free Press. He also was an editor of Capitol News Service in Sacto and was the founder of Pacific West News Service. He also worked for the Congress of Racial Equality in L.A. In politics, he worked in dozens of campaigns over the years. His weekly calls to CALPEEK to swap info and gossip will be missed. Jerry was 66. R.I.P...
- Walt Mix III has been named Sr. Dep. Sup. of the CA Banking Dept. He'll be based in S.F...
- New L.A. Councilwoman Laura Chick has named Karen R. Constine as COS in the downtown office; Eric Rose as district director; and Kenneth Bernstein as planning deputy...
- Americans Against Crime has moved from L.A. to the Sacto area. New address is 6060 Sunrise Vista East, Ste. 3200, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. New phone number is (916)967-1945...
- The Sacto office of Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger has promoted Jami Warner to Director of Client Services; and Sharon Hawkins to Media Director...
- L.A. attorney Robert Burke, who played a key role in the campaign of new L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, has joined the lobbying firm of Rose & Kindel in L.A...
- Lots of activity at McNally Temple Associates in Sacto. Scott Sadler has joined the firm as a Sr./AE and Mary Beth Gallaher has been hired as a graphic designer. And Lynn Harder has been promoted to Sr./AE...

